
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

While Governor Tawes won an impressive victory in 1962, the State Democratic Party was divided during his second term by the bitter presidential primary campaign of 1964 and the fierce factional battle in the 1966 gubernatorial primary. As the head of the Party in Maryland the Governor was in the middle of these conflicts. He vigorously supported Senator Brewster in his sacrificial role as a presidential primary candidate opposing Governor George Wallace of Alabama. In 1966 the Governor supported his Attorney General Thomas Finan in a hard fought campaign for the Governorship. When Finan lost, the Governor as a loyal Democrat gave his formal support to the winner, George Mahoney. Governor Tawes was proud of the record of the Party in achieving a forward looking state program during his two terms. He frequently quoted Adlai Stevenson's statement that "the test of a political party — the final acid test" is the way it governs. He regarded his unstinting service to the Democratic Party as a privilege and enjoyed Party gatherings and campaigns.

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Mr. Chairman, Governor Carvel, fellow Democrats:

It was most thoughtful and most kind of you to ask me to come here as a guest at this Tenth Annual Convention of the Delaware Federation of Democratic Clubs. It is always a delight to me to come to Dover, and I am particularly pleased to have this opportunity to mingle in fellowship with my good Democratic friends of this great state.

We have had to invent a word, Delmarva, to describe the strong bonds of kinship and friendship which link together the people who live on this peninsula which lies between the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays — bonds of mutual geographic, economic, cultural and historic interests. Eastern Shoremen are essentially Eastern Shore-